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- 1. IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAO'S INTERGOVENMENTAL GROUP ON OILSEEDS, OILS AND FATS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE OIL COUNCIL (DENIS) EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN INTENDS TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF OLIVE OIL BY PROGRESSIVE ELIMINATION OF AN EXISTING CONSUMPTION SUBSIDY ON SOY OIL, ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOW INCOME GROUPS. NO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON SOYBEANS OR OIL ARE CONTEMPLATED.
- 2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, DENIS EXPLAINED THAT SPANISH POLICY WAS BEING CHANGED TO ADDRESS A PROBLEM OF LARGE OLIVE OIL STOCKS IN SPAIN RESULTING FROM EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. HE SAID THE CURRENT CONSUMPTION SUBSIDY ON SOY OIL AMOUNTED TO SOME 22 PERCENT AND WOULD BE REMOVED IN PROGRESSIVE STEPS DURING 1977. DENIS ALSO REITERATED THAT THE GOS CONTEMPLATED NO IMPORT RESTRICTION ON SOYBEAN OR OIL AND NOTED THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS COULD VIOLATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPAIN'S GATT COMMITMENTS.

3. THE DELEGATION IS UNABLE TO EVALUATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DENIS. IN ADDITIONAL TO ADDRESSING QUERY POSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MADRID MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE FOREGOING.BEAUDRY

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